SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, to make myself clear to the Hon. Minister, may I know whether the principle of reservation to Scheduled Castes and Backward classes is applied to the selection of House Surgeons and whether the ratio is maintained?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. Just as it is done in the case of selection for appointments, the same communal rotation is followed and people are selected according to the percentage of seats reserved for them.

Kerala Sahitya Parishad at Badagara

* 3448 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Commercial Tax Officer North Malabar, is recovering entertainment tax for the performance of dance-drama held in connection with the Annual Conference of the Kerala Sahitya Parishad at Badagara in North Malabar during May 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : On a representation received from the Secretary, Samastha Kerala Sahitya Parishad Conference, Badagara, the Government have recently issued orders exempting the performance referred to from liability to entertainments tax.

Electricity supply to Puttur Panchayat Board

* 3449 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 319 given on 14th December 1954, the present stage of the proposal to extend electricity supply to Puttur Panchayat Board from Mangalore?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : A major ten year scheme for extension of supply of power from Mangalore Sub-station to Puttur and surrounding areas has just been received from the Chief Engineer (Electricity) and is under the consideration of the Government.

Electric calling bells in Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore

* 3450 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are electric calling bells in special wards in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—No, Sir.

DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. Minister consider the matter and provide calling bells as it is an absolute necessity as patients, who have undergone operations, are not even allowed to stir out from their beds?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. At present we have got electric calling bells in the special wards in the Government General Hospital. There is a proposal for providing such bells in the special wards in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital and Stanley Hospital. Proposals have been called for and they will be considered.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* REMOVAL OF SEVERAL MINOR IRRIGATION MAISTRIS FROM SERVICE CONSEQUENT ON INTRODUCTION OF *AD HOC* RULES RELATING TO THEIR SERVICES.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan has given notice of a motion under Rule 40 of the Assembly Rules, to call attention to a matter of urgent public importance viz., "Removal of several persons from service consequent on the giving of retrospective effect to the *Ad hoc* rules relating to minor Irrigation Maistris".

* SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, before proceeding to that, I would like to inform the House that I have sent nearly 200 questions to the Hon. Speaker. Fortunately, lal of them have been admitted by him. I have made enquiries in the Departments and I am informed that they have sent replies to all the questions put by me. We are having only five or six questions per day now. I do not understand the technical or practical difficulties in putting all the questions on the agenda. I would request the Hon. Speaker to see that all questions to which answers have been received are brought before the House before the closure of this session.

MR. SPEAKER : It was said by the Hon. the Leader of the House yesterday that questions have been sent to the Departments and we are expecting the answers. As soon as answers are received, they will be placed before the House.

* SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, I am told by the Department concerned that they have already sent answers to the questions put by me. That is why I am making a request to you, Sir, to include all the questions for which answers have been received.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Yesterday the Hon. the Leader of the House said that it was difficult to get answers from the districts because of the delay involved in transit. Now I understand that the answers have been despatched and there is delay somewhere. May I seek clarification of it?

MR. SPEAKER : I think the hon. Member is not quite correct. He can verify from the office whether the answers to his questions have been received. I understand that all questions to which